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**Central projects for providing employment to SCs/STs in Bihar**

**†3585. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:** Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central projects launched for providing employment to the people of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in the rural areas of Bihar during the last three years;

(b) the amount allocated during the said period; and

(c) whether proper utilisation of the said amount has been made; if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU):** (a) No specific Central project has been launched for providing employment to the people of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in the rural areas of Bihar during the last three years. The major general Schemes of the Ministry for creation of employment/self-employment opportunities for the rural poor (including those of Bihar) belonging to BPL families of which SCs/STs are in a majority are the Employment Assurance Scheme, the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana, the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana.

(b) and (c) Statements showing financial releases and utilisation of funds during the last three years in respect of the EAS and JGSY are annexed. [See Appendix 192, Annexure No. 26] In case of the SGSY, statements showing releases and utilisation for the last two years are also enclosed as it was launched in 1999-2000.

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